

TO: NITC Commissioners

FROM: Alan Wibbels, Education Council Co-Chair  
Jack Huck, Education Council Co-Chair  
(Presented by Renee Bose, Education Council alternate for K-12)

DATE: June 18, 2002

RE: Education Council Report

1a) Education Council Update—

The Education Council has met only once on May 17 since the April 30 NITC Meeting.

At that meeting the Education Council recognized members and alternates that were departing the Council after two or more years of service. They are indicated at the bottom of the Education Council membership document.

The Education Council also revised the grammatical wording of their six priorities and officially recommended seven Action Items for inclusion in the Statewide Technology Plan; retaining or revising four action items from 2001-02 and adding three new ones.

The Education Council also formed a committee to take the lead in inventorying Nebraska K-12 and Higher Ed institutions' use of course/knowledge management tools such as Blackboard and WebCT. This report will be ready for the Education Council on July 19.

Over the last 30 days, numerous Education Council members were also in attendance at a number of state and national educational technology conferences.

1b) Telecommunications Training Grants Update

Tracie Klosterman, NET staff member

LB1217 Am 2629: " The NETC shall inform the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC) and the Education Council of the NITC of its grant submission procedures and its tentative awards of grants in a timely fashion."

(See Attachment A.)

2) Education Council Membership

Under Education Council membership, the Council has forwarded the names of 7 members who will be renewing their 2-year terms. One member is retiring and one member is choosing not to continue. These additional appointments will be before you at your next meeting. Also, we like to recognize Doctors Joseph Preusser, Woody Ziegler, Rob Ziegler, and William Berndt for their many years of service.

[See Attachment B.]

## ATTACHMENT A

TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAINING GRANTS  
Round 10 2002-2003

Tier I: Maximum of \$10,000

SECTOR	NUMBER SUBMITTED	NUMBER APPROVED
K-12	4	1
ESU	7	5
Community College	5	3
State College	1	1
University	2	0

TOTAL 19

Tier II: Maximum of \$25,000

SECTOR	NUMBER SUBMITTED	NUMBER APPROVED
K-12	5	0
ESU	2	1
Community College	0	0
State College	0	0
University	1	0

TOTAL 8

**Nebraska Information Technology Commission  
EDUCATION COUNCIL**

**Membership Renewals/Replacements Effective July 1, 2002**

Name	Representing	Status
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**HIGHER EDUCATION**

<b>George Mihel</b>	Community College System	<b>Recommend Renewal</b>
<b>Thomas O'Neill, Jr.</b>	Independent Colleges & Universities	<b>Recommend Renewal</b>
<b>Harvey Perlman</b>	UN System	<b>Recommend Renewal</b>
<b>Sheila Stearns</b>	State College System	<b>Recommend Renewal</b>
William Berndt	UN System	Retiring; Subsector seeking replacement

**K-12 EDUCATION**

<b>Keith Bartels</b>	Boards of Education	<b>Recommend Renewal</b>
<b>Jeff Johnson</b>	Public Teachers	<b>Recommend Renewal</b>
<b>Alan Wibbels</b>	Educational Service Units	<b>Recommend Renewal</b>
Rob Ziegler	Administrators	Term expires June 30, 2002; Subsector seeking replacement

**Recognition**

Dr. Joseph Preusser, Member 2000-2002  
 Dr. William Berndt, Member 1998-2002  
 Dr. Woody Ziegler, Member 1998-2000; Alternate 2000-2002  
 Dr. Rob Ziegler, Member 2000-2002